

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:

Case No. 10-48817

SHAWNNA SIMONA SPENCER,

Chapter 7

Debtor.

Judge Thomas J. Tucker

ORDER DENYING DEBTOR'S MOTION TO EXTEND THE AUTOMATIC STAY

Debtor filed her voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 7 on March 19, 2010. On March 30, 2010, Debtor filed a motion entitled "Debtor's Motion to Extend Automatic Stay Pursuant to 11 USC §362" (Docket # 11, the "Motion"). The Motion seeks to extend the automatic stay and waiver of the 7-day deadline under L.B.R. 4001-5(a).¹

Under 11 U.S.C. § 362(c)(3)(B), in order for the court to extend the stay, a hearing on a motion to extend the automatic stay must be completed within 30 days after the filing of the case. Because of the statute's 30-day hearing deadline, L.B.R. 4001-5(a) (E.D. Mich.) requires that a motion to extend the stay be filed and served within 7 days after the bankruptcy petition is filed and that "[i]f the movant has not received a notice of hearing within 7 days after filing the motion, the movant may contact the judge's courtroom deputy clerk to obtain a hearing date within the time limit established by law."

In this case, the Motion was filed beyond the 7-day deadline; the Court failed to notice the Motion for hearing; and Debtor did not contact the Judge's courtroom deputy clerk to obtain a hearing date when the movant did not receive notice of a hearing on the Motion within 7 days after filing the Motion. Rather, Debtor did not contact the Judge's courtroom deputy clerk until

¹ The Motion erroneously refers to L.B.R. 4001-6(a).

April 19, 2010, the very day the 30-day deadline was to expire. As a result, it is now impossible to schedule and complete a hearing on Debtor's Motion to extend the stay within the required 30-day period. For this reason, the Motion must be denied.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Debtor's Motion (Docket # 11), is DENIED.

Signed on April 19, 2010

/s/ Thomas J. Tucker
Thomas J. Tucker
United States Bankruptcy Judge